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Applicants: Masaharu NAKAMORI et al. Conf.: 4151
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For: METAL CARRIER FOR A CATALYST

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 4, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002 (Paper No. 14), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel claims 4, 11, 17, and 22** without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

All pending claims are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience, with **claims 1, 8, 15, and 20 being rewritten** as follows:

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